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### **US Embassy Celebrates Black History Month**



**Photo caption: Brian Asmus, public diplomacy officer at the U.S. Embassy, speaks to the students of Don Bosco Secondary School February 23.**

February 24, 2012, Port Moresby, PNG — The U.S. Embassy celebrated Black History month in Papua New Guinea in February. As part of the effort, Brian Asmus, public diplomacy officer, showcased “Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks” in lecture discussions at the University of Papua New Guinea February 22 and at Don Bosco Secondary School February 23.

The 2002 documentary film, which was directed by Robert Houston and produced by Robert Hudson, was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short. On December 1, 1955, Rose Parks sparked a revolution by sitting still. Her simple act of defiance against racial segregation on city buses inspired the African-American community of Montgomery, Alabama, to unite against the segregationists who ran City Hall. Over the course of a year, the Montgomery Bus Boycott would test the endurance of the peaceful protestors, overturn an unjust law and create a legacy of mighty times that continue to inspire those who work for freedom and justice today.

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